

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2373 - SB 2574

March 12, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all questions on ballots, rather than questions with 300 words in length, be preceded by a brief summary of the proposal written in a clear and coherent manner using words with common everyday meanings.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures - Exceeds \$5,000

Assumptions:

- Any increase in state expenditures as a result of this bill is considered not significant.
- According to the Secretary of State, the fiscal impact of this bill is dependent upon several unknown factors such as an indeterminable number of questions on a ballot, frequency of questions placed on a ballot, potential attorney's fees for drafting the required summaries, and additional expenses related to publishing the ballots.
- Given the extent of unknown factors, determining a precise impact to local government for this bill is difficult. However, the increase in local expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000 statewide once every two years to coincide with election cycles. The annualized increase in local expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$5,000 per year statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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